

REMARKS

Claims 67-83 and 85 are pending and under examination.

Obviousness-type double patenting rejection

The rejection of claims 67-69, 76, and 79 as allegedly being unpatentable for obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. 6,743,769 is respectfully traversed.

Applicants submitted a terminal disclaimer in the previous response which was alleged to be non-compliant for lack of the use of the term “commonly owned.” Applicants have re-filed the terminal disclaimer with the requisite language. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 67-69 as allegedly being unpatentable for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-8 of U.S. 7,067,621 is respectfully traversed.

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Claim Objection

Claim 70-75, 77, 78, and 80-83 have been objected to based on their dependence from rejected claims. The filing of terminal disclaimers for the rejected claims, as discussed above, should address this objection and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

In light of the remarks herein, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this effect. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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